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The densely urbanized unincorporated areas of Florence-Firestone and Lennox both stand to benefit from updated planning programs that identify sustainable strategies and opportunities that address the communities' unique conditions and concerns. The CALTRANS Transportation Planning Grant Program aims to coordinate transportation and land use planning projects that encourage community involvement and partnership, thus providing a timely opportunity for Los Angeles County to solicit resources for this objective.

Recent efforts in Florence-Firestone, namely the "Visioning Project", have engaged constituents in the development of a community vision to address the community's deteriorating infrastructure, significant criminal activity, zoning violations, and mobility limitations. The community is of relatively high density, is located near major employment centers, and has access to light rail transit, thus providing significant opportunities for a more livable environment. The Florence-Firestone area is suited to the Community-Based Transportation grant as its program focuses on long-term

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sustainable community and economic development, and incorporates community-based stakeholder collaboration and consensus building. Moreover, a comprehensive community planning program would ensure that the findings obtained from the "Visioning Project" would be realized.

In addition, Lennox residents would benefit from planning efforts that address the aircraft and automobile traffic, and related noise and vibration, resulting from proximity to the 405 and 105 freeways and the Los Angeles International Airport. Existing infrastructure and facilities within the community provide the potential for a highly sustainable setting, including streets that could be enhanced through improved pedestrian amenities and the addition of transit-oriented-development. CALTRANS' Environmental Justice grant is intended to promote the involvement of low-income and minority communities in the planning for transportation projects, and to prevent or mitigate disproportionate, negative impacts while improving their mobility, access, safety, and opportunities for affordable housing. This planning program in Lennox would assess the impacts of the airport and freeways to the community, and allow for community collaboration in fostering opportunities to enhance community mobility and access, improve the business climate, and promote economic development.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct and authorize the Acting Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department to take all appropriate action to apply to CALTRANS for the

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Community-Based Transportation grant for the Florence-Firestone community and the Environmental Justice grant for the Lennox community and that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing application for said grants.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FUNDS FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (hereinafter "Caltrans") is authorized to identify projects eligible to receive funding under the State Transportation Planning Grants Program for fiscal year 2009-2010; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans issued its Notice of Funding inviting applications for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Transportation Planning Grants (hereinafter "Planning Grants"); and

WHEREAS, Caltrans' regulations establish that Counties may apply for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (hereinafter "DRP") has identified two projects eligible for funding under two of the Planning Grants' programs, those being the "Environmental Justice: Context Sensitive Planning Program" (hereinafter "Environmental Justice Program") and the "Community-Based Transportation Planning Program" (hereinafter the "Community-Based Program"); and

WHEREAS, DRP has agreed to be the applicant on behalf of the County to seek the Planning Grants, submit the applications to Caltrans for receipt of an allocation of up to \$250,000 from the Environmental Justice Program and \$300,000 from the Community-Based Program, and thereafter administer any projects undertaken through use of any grant funds received; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires the applicant's governing body to certify, by resolution: (1) the approval of proceeding with the applications to Caltrans; (2) the title

of the person authorized to enter into the necessary agreements with Caltrans; and (3) that it has authorized execution of the Environmental Justice Program and the Community-Based Program standard agreements, amendments thereto and related program documents; and

WHEREAS, the DRP, through its acting director, would enter into the above-referenced agreements with Caltrans for the Planning Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that:

(1) The Board approves: (a) the filing of applications by DRP with Caltrans for up to \$250,000 from the Environmental Justice Program and up to \$300,000 from the Community-Based Program, contingent upon grant funds being available; and (b) participation in the Planning Grants Program, consistent with constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution;

(2) The Board certifies that the County has reviewed, understands and to the extent consistent with all constitutional and local law requirements and this resolution agrees to the provisions contained in the application and program guidelines, documents and agreements; and

(3) The Board appoints and authorizes the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Acting Director and his designee(s), and each of them as agent(s) of the County of Los Angeles, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit documents including, but not limited to, the Environmental Justice Program and Community Based Program standard agreements, applications, amendments, memoranda of understanding, payment requests and other necessary documents, which may be

necessary for participation in said programs and for completion of projects funded by said programs, including any extensions or amendments of the aforementioned documents, subject to prior approval as to form by the County Counsel.

The foregoing Resolution was on the 24th day of March, 2009 adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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